House District 4

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AGE: 37

PLACE OF BIRTH: Tokyo, Japan

OCCUPATION:

Senior Patient Representative; Fairbanks Memorial Hospital

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 32 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:

Fairbanks: 1980-present

EDUCATION:

Lathrop High School: 1989-1993. Diploma

University of Alaska Fairbanks: 1993-1999, BS Biomedicine

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

State House, State Representative: 2007-present House Resources Committee, House Education Committee, Special Committees on Oil and Gas: Fisheries, Subcommittees on Public Safety, Courts; Corrections

Fairbanks City Council, Councilman: 1999-2005 Legislative Aide to Representative Tom Brice, 1998

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Young Elected Officials Network, State Director: 2007-present

American Council of Young Political Leaders, Life Member: 2003-present

Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce, Member; 2001-present

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Fairbanks Symphony Association, Board Member: 2002-2005

Volunteers in Policing, Board Member: 2000-2004 Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Big Brother: 1999-2004 Fairbanks Golden Heart Rotary Club, Charter Member: 2004-present

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Founding Father and Board Member: 1993-present

National Rifle Association, Lifetime Member: 2001-present

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Family and friends, fishing, hiking, camping, literature, writing, computers, arts and music, Nanook Hockey

STATEMENT:

Fairbanks deserves leaders who will act boldly and work hard to get the job done in Juneau. Listening to your concerns and being accountable to you has helped me work for needed change in Juneau. If reelected, I will continue to stand up for what is right, work across party lines and solve problems.

Working with you over the last few years, I helped to bring millions of dollars of construction money to local neighborhoods, schools and parks which were neglected for decades. As a member of the Education Committee. I brought needed reforms to improve Pre-K to UA student achievement. Last year, we were finally able to endow the Performance Scholarship to encourage high school students and reward them with tuition for higher education. I have been a budget hawk during my term and ensured that we are saving first, spending wisely and protecting our permanent fund.

As a member of the House Resources Committee, I helped pass historic legislation to get a gasline moving forward. A gasline is still years away in construction to help with our current energy problems. I supported renewable energy projects, conservation and home weatherization as a mid-term solution. We also must help families with the cost of energy through short-term solutions and sharing some of the state's oil wealth through a direct benefit plan or an energy voucher.

It has been an honor to serve you for the last few years. I look forward to serving you in the future.

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